

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has stated that this application is in condition for allowance subject to the submission of a proper Petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.78. In response, an appropriate Petition is submitted herewith which Applicants believe is in full compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.78.

***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Edward J. Kessler  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 25,688

Date: 20/Ave. 2005

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934  
(202) 371-2600

435798